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THANK YOU
to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

Special Note: Beginning with January 2011, State level livestock prices were discontinued. Livestock prices for the United States will be published based on data provided by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

Hay Prices Above Last Year

March alfalfa hay prices were above both last month and last year. Other hay prices held steady compared to last month but were above last March. **Alfalfa hay**, up $3.00 from both last month and last year, came in at $93.00 per ton. **Other hay**, at $90.00 per ton, was unchanged from last month but up $5.00 from last year.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 174 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 7 points (4.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, broilers, milk, and lettuce and lower prices for corn, soybeans, eggs and cotton. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of strawberries, soybeans, tomatoes, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and wheat.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 33 points (23 percent) from March 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 172, increased 7 points (4.2 percent) from last month and 30 points (21 percent) from March 2010.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS – WY AND U.S.: MARCH 2011 WITH COMPARISONS
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		MAR 2010	FEB 2011	MAR 15 2011	MAR 2010	FEB 2011	MAR 15 2011	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	55.90	1/	1/	53.50	72.50	73.40	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	105.00	1/	1/	95.70	111.00	116.00	—
Calves	100#	129.00	1/	1/	117.00	139.00	148.00	40
Sheep	100#	49.50	1/	1/	51.30	76.00	1/	—
Lambs	100#	111.00	1/	1/	115.00	155.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	3.55	5.64	5.46	54
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	2.29	3.27	3.12	47
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.66	3.55	4.31	—
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	4.45	7.03	6.82	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	1/	29.70	28.60	30.30	39
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	90.00	90.00	93.00	113.00	127.00	136.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	85.00	90.00	90.00	95.30	93.90	97.30	—

1/Discontinued. 2/Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 3/Price data source is USDA's AMS.
NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEXES – U.S.: MARCH 2011 WITH COMPARISONS

1990-92 = 100 BASIS	UNITED STATES		
	MAR 2010	FEB 2011	MAR 15 2011
All Commodities	141	170	174
All Crops	155	199	200
All Livestock and Products	128	144	151

U.S. CORN PLANTED ACREAGE SECOND LARGEST SINCE 1944

As of March 1, Wyoming farmers planted or intended to plant 403,000 acres of small grains and row crops last Fall and this Spring, down 9 percent from last year. Winter wheat plantings, dry edible beans, and sugarbeets were down from last year and intentions for corn, barley, and oats were unchanged from last year. Harvest intentions for all hay area for harvest declined 3 percent from last year's crop.

Small Grains: Wyoming's 2011 **barley** acreage is expected to total 75,000 acres, unchanged from last year, and 5,000 acres below the 2009 crop. Farmers intend to plant 34,000 acres of **oats**, equal to the acres from last year and down 6,000 acres from 2009. **Winter wheat** was seeded on 140,000 acres last fall, down 25,000 acres from the 2010 crop, and down 15,000 acres from the 2009 crop.

Row Crops: Wyoming farmers expect to plant 90,000 acres of **corn** this year, unchanged from 2010 and 2009. Producers intend to plant 27,000 acres of **sugarbeets**, down 11 percent from last year and 17 percent below 2009. **Dry bean** plantings this year are expected to total 37,000 acres, down 12,000 acres from 2010 and down 500 acres from 2009.

The total acreage of **all hay** expected to be harvested in the State in 2011 is 1.15 million acres, down 40,000 acres from 2010 and 120,000 acres below the 2009 crop.

These estimates are based on a survey conducted in early March. Actual plantings may vary from these estimates because of weather, economic conditions, and the effect of this report itself.

UNITED STATES: **All wheat** planted area is estimated at 58.0 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.2 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.2 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.7 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2011 is estimated at 14.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 2010. Of this total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2011 is estimated at 2.37 million acres, down 8 percent from 2010.

Growers intend to plant 2.95 million acres of **barley** for 2011, up 3 percent from the 2.87 million acres seeded in 2010. If realized, this will be the second lowest seeded acreage on record. **Oat** acres seeded and to be seeded for the 2011 crop year are expected to total 2.84 million acres, down 10 percent from the 3.14 million acres planted last year. If realized, this will be the lowest United States total on record.

Growers intend to plant 1.30 million acres of **dry beans** in 2011, down 32 percent from last year. The decrease in planted acres can mainly be attributed to increased acreage intentions for competing crops, including corn and wheat. Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2011 crop year is expected to total 1.19 million acres, up 1 percent from the 1.17 million acres planted in 2010. **Corn** growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent higher than in 2009. If realized, this will be the second largest acreage since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Acreage increases of 250,000 or more are expected in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and South Dakota. **Hay** producers expect to harvest 59.0 million acres of all hay in 2011, down 1 percent from 2010.

PLANTING INTENTIONS FOR 2011 AND ACTUAL PLANTINGS FOR 2010, WYOMING AND UNITED STATES

Crops	Acreage Planted/to be Planted					
	Wyoming			United States		
	2010	2011 Intentions	11/10	2010	2011 Intentions	11/10
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Corn, All Purposes	90	90	100	88,192	92,178	105
Winter Wheat	165	140	85	37,335	41,229	110
Durum Wheat	—	—	—	2,570	2,365	92
Spring Wheat Other than Durum	—	—	—	13,698	14,427	105
Oats	34	34	100	3,138	2,839	90
Barley	75	75	100	2,872	2,952	103
Sugarbeets	30.5	27.0	89	1,171.4	1,187.1	101
Dry Edible Beans	49.0	37.0	76	1,911.4	1,303.5	68
Hay, All 1/	1,190	1,150	97	59,862	58,973	99

1/ Area for harvest

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 5 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on April 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above April 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.12 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.10 million head, up 2 percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.92 million, 3 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.87 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 360,000, 700-799 pounds were 588,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 590,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.99 million, 4 percent above 2010. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 52,000 during March, 13 percent below 2010.

Cattle on Feed: 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, Apr 1, 2010-2011 1/

State	On Feed Apr 1, 2010	Place-ments Mar 2011	Market-ings Mar 2011	Other Disapp. Mar 2011	On Feed Apr 1, 2011	On Feed Mar 1, 2011
	Thousand Head					
CO	930	215	190	5	1,090	1,070
KS	2,240	415	435	10	2,190	2,220
NE	2,290	390	430	10	2,380	2,430
TX	2,640	490	540	10	2,780	2,840
Oth Sts.	*2,642	408	393	17	2,837	2,839
U.S.	*10,742	1,918	1,988	52	11,277	11,399

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.
*Revised

2010 Total U.S. Red Meat Production Down Slightly from Previous Year

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during 2010 totaled 6.1 million pounds, down 6 percent from the 6.5 million pounds in 2009. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

A total of 7,400 **cattle** were slaughtered in 2010, compared with 8,000 in 2009. Total live weight, at 8.67 million pounds, was down from 9.31 million pounds last year. However, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,165 pounds, up 3 pounds from 2009.

In 2010, 4,000 **hogs and pigs** were processed, compared with 4,100 in 2009. Total live weight of hogs slaughtered was 1.05 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year. The average live weight of 260 pounds was down just slightly from 2009.

A total of 1,400 **sheep and lambs** were processed in 2010, compared with 1,600 last year. Total live weight, at 195,000 pounds, was 14 percent below 2009. The average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered, at 144 pounds, was 4 pound heavier than last year.

United States: **Total red meat production** for the United States totaled 49.2 billion pounds in 2010, slightly lower than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in **commercial plants** totaled 49.0 billion pounds. **On-farm slaughter** totaled 144 million pounds.

Beef production totaled 26.4 billion pounds, up 1 slightly percent from the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 145 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year. **Pork production**, at 22.5 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 168 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2009.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2010 totaled 34.2 million head, up 3 percent from 2009, with federal inspection comprising 98.4 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,279 pounds, down 14 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 49.2 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, **heifers** 29.8 percent, **dairy cows** 8.3 percent**, other cows** 10.8 percent, and **bull**s 1.8 percent.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 878,600 head, 7 percent lower than a year ago with 98.4 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 262 pounds, up 12 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 110.3 million head, 3 percent lower than 2009 with 99.1 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year at 272 pounds. **Barrows and gilts** comprised 97.0 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.46 million head, was down 2 percent from the previous year with 92.0 percent by federal inspection. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from 2009 at 134 pounds. **Lambs and yearlings** comprised 93.1 percent of the total federally inspected sheep slaughter.

There were 841 plants slaughtering **under federal inspection** in the U.S. on January 1, 2011 compared with 834 last year. Plants in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Texas accounted for 49 percent of the United States commercial red meat production in 2010, down slightly from 2009.

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WYOMING MILK COWS UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER

The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during January - March 2011 averaged 6,000 head. The number was unchanged from both the previous quarter and the same quarter last year. Milk production during the first quarter of 2011 was 30.4 million pounds, down 0.5 million pounds from the previous quarter, but up 1.8 million from the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 48.4 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 70,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JAN. – MAR., 2010 AND 2011

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		11/10
	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	6.0	6.0	28.6	30.4	106
CA	1,759	1,755	9,940	10,137	102
CO	116	124	665	716	108
ID	553	574	3,003	3,115	104
MT	14	14	72	69	96
NE	59	57	290	290	100
SD	93	91	466	468	100
UT	84	87	443	442	100
WI	1,260	1,266	6,394	6,462	101
US	9,093	9,163	47,392	48,432	102

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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